Dragon Knights

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DRAGON KNIGHTS MONSTER FISH

...MY HEAD BEGAN TO CLEAR AND I COULD FEEL MY HEART POUND.

FROM THE MOMENT I SAW HIM...

IT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR...

...A REAL FAERIE. THERE WAS NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.

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DRAGON
KNIGHTS
DEMON
FISH
ドラゴン騎士団
怪魚篇

Hermosa Kingdom

Fiori Forest

WHERE DID SHE GO?

FIND HER!

= forest

HMPH!
Old hag!
HURRY UP AND FIND HER, NOW!

GO FIND ME SOME SACRIFICES FOR THE PRAYER.
VERY WELL. I WILL BEGIN THE CEREMONY.
WE WILL, LADY MEDICINEA!
NOT YET! BUT WE WILL FIND HER SOON. I SWEAR TO YOU!
YOU STILL HAVEN'T FOUND HER?
AND YOU TWO GO FIND THE GIRL AND BRING HER TO ME!
YES!
RIGHT AWAY.
IF YOU HAVE NO INTENTION OF HELPING ME, THEN REFRAIN FROM COMMENT, FEDELTA.
YOU HAVE BEEN TAKING AN AWFULLY LONG TIME TO CARRY OUT THE GENERAL'S ORDERS.
IS SOMETHING WRONG, MEDICINEA?

LIKE SOMEONE NEARBY IS HUNTING FAERIES.
I'VE BEEN FEELING WATCHED FOR A WHILE NOW.
RAIN ? OR... SNOW?
IT'S HAIL!
AND THEY RE BIG PIECES, TOO!
DELTE GAVE ME THAT POTION TO MAKE ME LOOK MORE HUMAN.
BUT I STILL LOOK A LOT LIKE A FAERIE.
AAAAAAH!
IT WILL ONLY GET WORSE.
AND AT THIS RATE.
THERE ARE NO FAERIES TO PROTECT NATURE.
HUH?
IT'S BECAUSE THE FAERIES ARE GONE.
THE WEATHER SURE HAS BEEN STRANGE LATELY.
BUT THE SUN WAS SHINING NOT A MINUTE AGO.

I'VE BEEN THROUGH SO MANY PLACES JUST LIKE THIS...
..I STILL HAVEN'T FOUND THE ENTRANCE TO THE WATER REALM.
...AND YET ...
AND I FEEL LIKE SOMEONE'S WATCHING ME.

WAIT A SEC-OND

STOP TALKING AND LISTEN.

I LIKE BIG WEDDINGS, SO WE'LL INVITE LOTS OF OUR FRIENDS. THAT MEANS WE'LL NEED TO BOOK A BIG HALL.

THE WEDDING MUST BE ON DAIAN KICHIJITSU*, OF COURSE!

WE WOULD NEED TO TAKE SOME TIME TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER, LEARN AND FORGIVE EACH OTHER'S QUIRKS. THEN YOU CAN MEET MY PARENTS... WELL, ACTU-ALLY, THEY'RE NO LONGER AROUND SO, WE'LL PASS ON THAT. BUT I CAN MEET YOUR PARENTS SOMEDAY.

OF COURSE, IT WOULDN'T BE RIGHT AWAY.

blah, blah,

blah, blah, blah

TELL ME.

WHO ARE YOU?

* A DAY CONSIDERED TO BE LUCKY FOR WEDDINGS. ACCORDING TO THE B[illegible]ST CALENDAR

OH, OF COURSE. IT'S NOHIRO.

MY NAME?

LOOK NOHIRO, THERE'S SOMETHING YOU SHOULD KNOW.

I SEE.

Oh dear! got some blood on my bandana.

WHAT?

WILL YOU...

...PLEASE MARRY ME?!

But why the nerves?

Looks like he run through the field.

YOU ARE SO BEAU-TIFUL.

His hand is bleeding.

Maybe he was hit by a man.

I'M VERY SERIOUS!

YOU AREN'T SERIOUS, ARE YOU?

..

He should get cleaned up.

You ask me why, but...

It was love at first sight, too!

NOOO!

IT CAN'T BE! WHY ME?!!

WHAT A RELIEF!

Phew!

THANK GOODNESS HE'S NOT ONE OF THOSE "NOTHING MATTERS BUT LOVE" TYPES.

He got dumped! He got dumped!

SNIFF.

IT'S JUST THAT YOU ARE SO-- SO BEAUTIFUL.

Don't cry!

What a shame!

HEY! EXCUSE ME!

RUNE.

He got over me awfully fast.

WELL, I GUESS THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT.

SO, WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

I've never kept track.

Rune.

AND HOW OLD ARE YOU?

MUCH OLDER THAN YOU.

I'M NOT A GIRL.

...

I'M A GUY.

He really thought I was a girl.

GOT IT?

HUH?

Yes, but it doesn't suit you.

...

...HUH?

!!?

HMM.

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YOU MAY NOT BE A GIRL, BUT YOU'RE EXACTLY HOW I IMAGINED MY DREAM FAERIE WOULD LOOK.

?

YOU SEE...

...I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR A FAERIE FOR A LONG TIME.

DID I HEAR HIM RIGHT?

DOES THIS GUY...?

RUNE.

YOU'RE A FAERIE, AREN'T YOU?

UMM

WHAT?

YOU'RE LYING. YOU MUST BE A FAERIE!

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I'M NOT REALLY A FAERIE.

IT'S NOT A LIE. I'M REALLY A DRAGON KNIGHT

DON'T YOU KNOW THAT FAERIES HAVE MUCH LONGER EARS.

LOOK AT MINE THEY'RE NORMAL SIZE.

NOW, THIS IS A LIE.

SEE, YOU ARE MISTAKEN.

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Well...

BUT WHAT ABOUT YOUR POWERS?

AN OLD MEMORY?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WHY ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR FAERIES, ANYWAY?
IT'S COMPELLED ME TO COMMIT MY LIFE TO FINDING A FAERIE. I DON'T KNOW WHY.
I'VE BEEN ON THIS QUEST MY ENTIRE LIFE.
IT HAS TO DO WITH...
...AN OLD MEMORY.

AND I GATHERED ALL KINDS OF STRANGE TOMES FROM SECOND-HAND BOOKSTORES...
HUH?
I EVEN TRAVELED TO DISTANT REGIONAL LIBRARIES FOR RESEARCH ON THE WHEREABOUTS OF FAERIES.
I SAVED EVERY SCRAP OF INFO I COULD FIND

I'M SORRY, BUT YOU'RE MISTAKEN.
I CAN'T TELL HIM THE TRUTH. HE COULD BE AN AGENT OF THE DEMON ARMY.
He...he saw me?
WHAT POWERS ?
YOU HEALED THAT INJURED BIRD!
A FEW DAYS AGO, IN CHANTEL!
I WAS WATCHING FROM AN UPSTAIRS WINDOW AT THE INN.
BUT ...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.
THERE'S NO NEED TO GET UPSET ABOUT IT.
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MAN, TALK ABOUT A DOUBLE WHAMMY.
JUST WHEN I THOUGHT I FINALLY FOUND A FAERIE...AND A BRIDE.

THAT THING REALLY IS BIG.
I will never be in your debt.
HERE YOU GO. IS THIS IT?
IT'S PRETTY LARGE, SO WE PUT IT IN THE BACK.
SOME-ONE'S COMING.
I GUESS THIS MEANS RUNE AND I WILL HAVE TO WORK RELATIVELY CLOSELY FOR THE TIME BEING.
I PUT MY BLOOD, SWEAT AND TEARS INTO STUDYING THIS.
JUST LEAVE EVERY-THING TO ME.
DO YOU REALLY KNOW HOW TO USE THIS INFORMA-TION TO LOCATE THE WATER REALM?
IT'S ALL RIGHT HERE.
I JUST HAD THEM HERE A SECOND AGO. I MUST VE LEFT ALL MY STUFF AT THE FLOWER SHOP!
しっまったあぁぁ
Oh noooo!
OH, YEAH. I MUST HAVE LEFT MY STUFF THERE WHEN IT STARTED HAILING.
WHAT AM I GONNA DO NOW?!
WHY DON'T YOU JUST GO BACK AND GET IT?
パニックっ!
Panic
What to do?
RIGHT.
PLUS, ALL OF MY RESEARCH ON THE ENTRANCE TO THE WATER REALM IS THERE.
I WON'T BE ABLE TO FIND THE GATEWAY WITHOUT IT.
STOP!
WAIT A MINUTE!
NOHIRO! I COULD KISS YOU.
WHAT?!

HUH? WHO'S THE KID?
WHAT'S WRONG, RUNE?
SOME-THING'S COMING! A DEMON?
NOHIRO!
THIS WAY! HURRY!
HUH?
WHAT?

WE LOST HER AGAIN!
DON'T LEAVE A SINGLE ROCK UN-TURNED WE MUST FIND HER!

?
HUH?
!!
Don't be
A girl?

HEY.
WHY WERE THOSE DEMONS CHASING YOU?
...
She's been running this whole time.
ARE YOU TIRED?
AH...
...
...
You're talking about demons, here. They aren't exactly the most civil of creatures.
WELL, THAT'S BARBARIC. SENDING TWO SOLDIERS AFTER A SMALL CHILD!
...
YOU CAN'T ...
... TALK?
SHHH!
QUIET.
This is the first time I have ever seen one.
WAS THAT ...
A...D-DEMON ?!
MY TRACKING SKILLS ARE FINE! IT'S YOUR SLOTH THAT HOLDS US BACK.
YOUR TRACKING SKILLS MUST BE SLIPPING!
Squeeze
THEY'RE PROBABLY LOOKING FOR THIS GIRL.
UH...
YEAH.
Scary
THEY'LL FIND US IF WE STAY HERE.
THIS WAY.

I SENSE IT.
THIS GIRL IS PROBABLY A FAERIE.
SHE LOOKS HUMAN, BUT...
I WONDER IF I'VE KNOWN HER BEFORE.
HERE IS YOUR KEY, SIR.
SPICY IS FINE WITH ME.
I ALSO GOT SOME SWEET SAKE AND SOMETHING THAT TASTES LIKE SOY SAUCE.
I GOT MOSTLY SPICY STUFF. THAT OKAY?
FAMISHED. BUT LET'S EAT OUTSIDE. I DON'T WANT TO WAKE HER UP.
I GOT SOME FOOD. ARE YA HUNGRY?
HEY, RUNE!

YOU KNOW MORE THAN YOU'RE LETTING ON, AREN'T YOU, RUNE?
YOU'D BE SURPRISED WHERE YOU CAN FIND DEMONS.
THEY'RE EVERYWHERE. THEY'VE JUST BECOME BETTER AT HIDING THEIR PRESENCE.
I DIDN'T EXPECT TO RUN INTO DEMONS.
I DON'T USUALLY SEE THEM IN TOWNS.
A guy who's never seen a demon before.
THE IMPORTANT THING NOW IS TO FIND A PLACE FOR US TO REST. DO YOU KNOW OF ONE?
WHAT? NO! I'M SIMPLY AN ASTUTE OBSERVER OF LIFE. I'VE OVERHEARD CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THE PROFUSION OF DEMONS.
WELL, THERE'S THE PLACE I STAYED LAST NIGHT. IT'S ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN.
THIS GIRL LOOKS LIKE SHE NEEDS SOME SLEEP.

I KNEW THERE WAS SOMETHING FISHY GOING ON.
SO, I WENT TO A FORTUNE-TELLER IN CHANTEL.
NOHIRO.

HE DOESN'T SEEM..
...LIKE A BAD GUY.
THERE'S JUST ONE PROBLEM.
THAT'S WHY I'VE BEEN VISITING THE FAERIE FOREST.
AND I HAVE TO DO IT BEFORE THEY ALL DISAPPEAR.
I WANNA MEET AND WED A FAERIE.
THAT'S WHY I'M IN SUCH A RUSH.
YOU SEE...
WAIT. YOU KNOW HER?
DID YOU GO SEE DELTE?
IT'S JUST AS I THOUGHT

NOHIRO.
SO, YOU'VE DONE A LOT OF RESEARCH ON THE FAERIE WORLD.
HOW CONFI-DENT ARE YOU ABOUT FINDING THE WATER REALM?
I CAN GO LOOK THAT UP FOR YOU, RIGHT NOW, RUNE. I HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION, IT'S JUST A MATTER OF MAKING SENSE OF IT.

UM.
WE CAN DO THAT LATER.
THAT'S NOT MY PRIMARY FOCUS RIGHT NOW.
LEMME GUESS
IT'S ABOUT THE DISAPPEARING FAERIES, RIGHT?

NOW THERE ARE NO MORE WATER LIGHTS TO ENCHANT.
AFTER SO MUCH ENCHANTMENT BY THOSE WATER LIGHTS IN THE FAERIE FOREST, HE'S PROBABLY BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO SLEEPING OUTDOORS
Oh, my.
He's fallen asleep
THE WAY HE BREATHES REMINDS ME OF RATH.

I NEED TO KNOW.
GIVE ME A READING...

THE "...ONE-WINGED ANGEL?"
YOU DON'T KNOW EITHER? DELTE TOLD ME ABOUT IT.
I SUPPOSE IT'S A CLUE TO WHAT I'M SEARCHING FOR
I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT I KEEP FALLING ASLEEP THERE.
I BET YOU DO.
IT MUST BE THE WATER LIGHTS.

THEN, DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE "...ONE-WINGED ANGEL...?"
HMM.
I WONDER WHAT IT MEANS.
I SEE.
IT'S TURNED ALMOST COMPLETELY BLACK.
IS THAT ONE OF DELTE'S FORTUNE-TELLING CARDS?

Z Z Z Z Z Z Z
mutter mutter
RESIST-ANCE?
FROM WHOM?
YOU MUST PREPARE YOUR-SELF...
...RUNE.
HE CARRIES A GRAVE SECRET.
FROM RATH HIMSELF. HE PRO-DUCES A STRONG BARRIER TO PSYCHIC ENERGY.
OKAY.
I UNDER-STAND.
BUT EVEN IF THAT HAPPENS, I'LL STILL DESCRIBE TO YOU EVERY-THING I AM ABLE SEE.
THERE ARE NO GUARANTEES, THOUGH. I'VE FELT MORE SPIRITUAL RESISTANCE TRYING TO READ RATH THAN WITH ANYONE ELSE.
THAT'S WHAT KAI-STERN SAID.
BUT I CAN'T JUST IGNORE PREMONITIONS. HOW CAN I NOT HELP RATH WHEN I FEEL HE IS IN DANGER?
...ABOUT RATH.
ARE YOU SURE?
IF RATH FINDS OUT...
...HE WON'T WANT TO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOU.

HE HAS CORRUPTED THESE PURIFIED TELLING CARDS.
THE CARDS REVEAL HIS TRUE NATURE.
IS THIS RATH'S POWER ?
YES.
THIS IS RATH'S SOUL.
ALL OF THEM!
THEY'VE ALL BEEN TAINTED.
AND I HAD PURIFIED THEM.
T- THE... C-CARD ... !
IT'S TURNED BLACK!
TURN THIS OVER.

BUT...
WHY DID YOU TELL ME BEFORE THAT HE WAS DYING?
IS ONE OF US GOING TO KILL RATH?
RUNE!
RUNE, YOU'VE NOTICED IT TOO, HAVEN'T YOU? YOU WERE ONCE AN ELF WITH STRONG SENSES.
EVEN NOW, YOU MUST--
NO! IT CAN'T BE! I REFUSE TO BELIEVE IT!
YOU'RE LYING!
WHY WOULD RATH DO THAT?
IT'S A LIE!!
I'M NOT LYING.
CALM DOWN, RUNE!
HE IS A DEMONIC CREATURE ...
...WHO WEARS THE SKIN OF A DRAGON.

NOHIRO!
NOHIRO!
HMM?
HEY!
TO
G'NITE.
I'M GETTING WORRIED.
NOHIRO.
I'M GOING BACK TO THE ROOM.
MUTTER MUTTER
HMMM
YES. YOU'RE RIGHT.
RUNE !
YOU CAN'T WORRY ABOUT RATH RIGHT NOW. NOT YET.
BESIDES, YOU'RE NOT CLEVER ENOUGH TO SOLVE TWO PROBLEMS AT ONCE.

YOU ARE THE DRAGON KNIGHT OF WATER.
...AND RESCUE YOUR OTHER HALF FROM HER TOMB, AREN'T YOU?
YOU'RE GOING TO ABSORB THE MONSTER FISH VARAWOO INTO YOUR BODY...
!
YOU'RE THE DRAGON KNIGHT OF WATER, ARE YOU NOT?
I'M SORRY ?

R-RUNE! I WAS RE-READING MY NOTES AND REMEMBERED SOMETHING EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!
Did you end up sleeping outside all night?
WHAT'S WRONG, NOHIRO? IT'S A LITTLE EARLY TO BE SCREAMING YOUR HEAD OFF.
(RIGHT
I'M SORRY.
DON'T FORGET TO SET A GOOD EXAMPLE IN FRONT OF THE CHILD.
NOHIRO, EAT YOUR BREAKFAST FIRST.
LOOK! IT'S RIGHT HERE!
THAT IS THE ONE WHO HUNTS THE FAERIES.
...TAKE THIS CARD
RUNE...
"...ONE-WINGED ANGEL...?"
Mutter Mutter
THANKS, WATER.
SHE STILL ASLEEP?
THAT'S GOOD.
I GUESS I DIDN'T HAVE ANY REASON TO WORRY.
AAAAH!

MY! THAT WAS FAST, GARFAKCY.
HUH...
WHAT'S WRONG?
WH-WHA..?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, LORD KHARL?
IT'S GETTING ALL DUSTY!

AH.
COUGH

LORD KHARL! I'M BACK FROM THE HUNT!
UMPH.
OKAY.
RATTLE
WE ONLY CAUGHT TWO LITTLE ONES THIS TIME.
I THINK THAT'S ABOUT ALL THAT'S LEFT OUT THERE.

I WAS MERELY SEARCHING FOR SOMETHING.
thud, thud
Are you sure about that?
IT LOOKS MORE LIKE SPRING CLEANING
THE HARDER I LOOK...
THE HARDER IT IS TO FIND ANYTHING.
oops
あーもー この人は
I THOUGHT IT WAS AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE...
DUSTER
VACUUM
?
I'M GOING TO SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CLEAN UP AROUND HERE.
LORD KHARL, WHY DON'T YOU GO FIND SOMETHING ELSE TO DO.
God! Look at this mess!
YES.
UNEXPECTED NEAT FREAK.
案外 潔癖症。
WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?
ぴくっ
Oh no!
LORD KHARL.
HERE!
LOOK AT ALL THIS DUST
THERE MUST BE A HUNDRED YEARS WORTH.
ぱんぱん!
clunk
whack
thunk
WHICH REMINDS ME,
ISN'T THE EARTH DRAGON HEADING TOWARDS THE ISLAND TO SEARCH FOR THE THREE TREASURES?
IT APPEARS SO.
HE'S PROBABLY OVER THE SEA ABOUT NOW.
ぱんぱん!
NADIL'S OFFICERS SURE ARE IN THE DARK.
THEY HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S GOING ON
LET'S KEEP IT THAT WAY.
THERE'S NO NEED FOR US TO LET THEM KNOW ANYTHING.

TAKE THIS WHEN YOU GO SEE THE OFFICERS.
GOOD IDEA.
YOU CAN JUST GIVE IT TO SHYDEMAN. HE'D PROBABLY BE VERY TOUCHED.
I wonder if it's still good!
WHEN DID I MAKE THIS?
IT SEEMS PRETTY OLD.
It's probably defective, anyway.
THE EGG WAS THEN GIVEN TO AND USED BY SHYDEMAN
BUT THAT'D DEFEATED THE DEMON INSIDE
LORD KHARL!
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING--?
OPEN YOUR MOUTH.
OH.
SO, THIS IS WHERE IT WAS.
FINALLY
I'M DONE!
sparkle
HEY, LORD KHARL?
WHAT IS THIS PILE OF JUNK?
HUH?
I SEE.
That does seem fun.
BUT THAT'S NO FUN.
BESIDES, I'D LIKE TO SEE THEIR FACES WHEN THEY LEARN THAT WE KNOW SOMETHING THEY DON'T.
IT'S MORE ENTERTAINING TO SEE THEM RUN AROUND PANICKED JUST A LITTLE, RIGHT?
A DEMON'S EGG?
SO, YOU WOULD CONSIDER IT TRASH, ALL RIGHT, TRASH IT IS.
IT'S RESEARCH I'VE DONE FOR PAST EXPERIMENTS.
IT'S BEEN SO LONG.
I COMPLETELY FORGOT ABOUT ALL OF THIS WORK.

WHAT ARE YOU MAKING? WHY DO YOU NEED ALL THESE FAERIES?
FAERIES HAVE HEALING POWERS.
CAN YOU ONLY USE FAERIES?
WE'LL RUN OUT SOON.
NOT ENOUGH, AT ALL.
I NEED MORE.
IS THAT NOT ENOUGH?
THAT POWER IS A VITAL INGREDIENT IN MAKING A REPLACEMENT FOR "... LEFT BIRD..."
YOU'RE MAKING A REPLACEMENT?
THE ONE THAT GOVERNS THE SPIRIT?
...LEFT BIRD...?
BEING A NON-DEMON, GARFAKCY ...
...YOU MUST TAKE A PILL EVERY HUNDRED YEARS OR SO.
HUH?
...
HOW DISAPPOINTING.
YOU ONLY BROUGHT BACK TWO LITTLE ONES TODAY.
OH.
THAT WAS IT?
YOU'D HATE TO SHRIVEL UP AND DIE LIKE THOSE FRAGILE HUMANS, RIGHT?
I forgot about that.

I DON'T BELIEVE IT.

I NEED SOMETHING POWERFUL TO GOVERN THAT SPIRIT. AND SO...

...I NEED TO KILL A LOT OF FAERIES.

BUT THOSE FLITTERING IMPS HAVE GONE INTO HIDING, CHANGING THE WAY THEY LOOK.

THE ISSUE FOR US RIGHT NOW IS A LACK OF FAERIES.

SO, THAT MEANS ...

WE'LL LET THEM TAKE CARE OF THE WATER REALM.

NADIL'S ARMY IS ALSO HAVING TROUBLE. AND THEN THERE'S VARAWOO TO DEAL WITH.

BUT YOU STILL HAVEN'T FOUND THE ENTRANCE, RIGHT?

I HEAR THAT THERE ARE LARGER FAERIES IN THE WATER REALM, DEEP IN THE FAERIE FOREST.

THAT'S RIGHT.

WHAT IS IT?

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO CREATE?

BUT I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU'D BE ABLE TO CREATE DEMONS EVEN WITHOUT "...LEFT BIRD..."

YES.

THAT'S RIGHT.

I CAN CREATE A LEGION OF DRONES, BUT THERE'S A KIND OF HIGHER-GRADE DEMON THAT I CAN'T CREATE WITHOUT "...LEFT BIRD..."

A... BEAST...

HA HA

THE CORPSE OF MY MURDERED MASTER.

...
LADY MEDICI-NEA.
IS THAT YOU, SILK?
THIS ONE'S BEEN DAMAGED.
IT'S ABOUT THE SACRIFICE.
WHAT?
NO!
OH, WHO CARES.
JUST THROW IT IN THE FIRE.
I CAN START KILLING HUMANS?
SURE.
GO AHEAD.
KILL AS MANY AS YOU WANT.
MY MASTER LOVED DOING THAT.
HE WOULD BE VERY PLEASED.
AH, YES.
I REMEMBER WHEN I USED TO TURN FAERIES INTO DEMONS FOR SPORT.
YOU TURNED FAERIES INTO DEMONS?
IT WAS FUN AT THE TIME.
BUT IF I HAD KNOWN I WOULD NEED THEM YEARS LATER, I WOULDN'T HAVE THINNED OUT THE HERD SO MUCH.
BUT WE'VE GOT TO FIND MORE FAERIES FIRST.

YOU ARE A VERY GIFTED DEMON...
...SILK.
HE'S BEEN KILLING SO MANY FAERIES, CREATING SUCH A CHAOS IN THE FAERIE FOREST THAT WE CAN FIND NOTHING TO LEAD US TO ITS ENTRANCE.
HE'S MAKING THINGS EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT FOR US.
YOU FOLLOW ORDERS WELL.
TELL ME HOW TO FIND THE WATER REALM.
BUT PERHAPS YOU'VE BEEN LYING TO ME.
THAT NEEDLESSLY SLIPPERY CHILD MAY BE OUR ONLY WAY TO FIND IT.
slap!
I DON'T KNOW
I WAS POWERFUL AMONG THE FAERIES, BUT--

crackle, fizz
AAAAAARRGHHH
ALL WE HAVE TO DO NOW IS UNLOCK THE ENTRANCE TO THE WATER REALM.
HOW BEAUTIFUL.
HOWEVER, THAT MEDDLING RENKIN WIZARD HAS INHIBITED OUR PLAN.
BUT IT ALSO GIVES VARAWOO STRENGTH.
THIS BLACK CLOUD CAUSES THESE HUMANS UNSPEAKABLE SUFFERING, SUCKING THEIR LIFE AWAY SLOWLY AND PAINFULLY.

IT WAS ALSO THE HOME OF THE FAERIE ELDER TINTLET AND MYSELF.
HYURAY FOREST IS RIGHT NEXT TO NADIL'S CASTLE. THE DRAGON QUEEN WAS HELD PRISONER THERE ONCE.
... TO UNLOCK THE ENTRANCE, YOU NEED THE GYOKUJU FLUTE.
ITS ENCHANTING MUSIC OPENS THE GATE.
THAT'S ..
VERY POSSI-BLE.
AND THE GYOKUJU FLUTE IS LOCATED IN THE HYURAY FOREST.
IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE THE OLDEST AND BIGGEST OF ALL THE FAERIE FORESTS.
HUH?
ME? NO. I DIDN'T SAY ANY-THING.
WHAT?
DID YOU SAY SOMETHING, RUNE?
OH, YEAH.
ONE MORE THING.
AND SHE'S A FAERIE, TOO
AFTER ALL, HE SAW DELTE WHEN HE WAS IN CHANTEL.
I CAN'T TELL IF HE'S GOT SPECIAL SENSES OR NOT...
I TOLD YOU ALREADY. I'M NOT.
I STILL THINK YOU ARE.
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE NOT A FAERIE, RUNE?

THE NORTHERN CONTINENT OF HYURAY?
THAT'S VERY FAR.
VERY WELL.
GO HELP THE OTHERS FIND THE CHILD!
THAT'S THE ONE.
THE CHRONICLE STATES THAT THERE IS AN ENTRANCE TO THE WATER REALM SEPARATE FROM THE FAERIE FOREST...
YES.
OF COURSE.
...BUT THE HITCH IS...
AS YOU WISH.

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IF WE TAKE THIS ROUTE, THERE'S AN OLD MAN WITH A BEARD WHO WILL GUIDE US TO THE ENTRANCE. HE'S THE ONE...
...WITH THE FLUTE.
HEY.
WHAT'S WRONG RUNE?
AN OLD MAN FOR A GUIDE?
Could it be the Frame Elder?
ISN'T THE OLD MAN THE GUIDE?
THE BOOK SAYS THAT THE--
YOU DON'T HAVE TO REPEAT YOURSELF.
DOES THE BOOK REALLY SAY THAT?
LOOK.
YOU'RE...
WHAT AN INDIGNANT BOOK.
HUH?
UH...
HOW SUSPICIOUS!
THAT'S VERY SUSPICIOUS...
Ha, ha, ha
Rune made a slip of the tongue.
Why do I always look suspicious when I'm hiding something?
IT DOESN'T MATTER. YOUR PLAN WON'T WORK.
WHY NOT?
HUH?
OH, NO REASON.
IT'S JUST SOMETHING I HEARD, OKAY?
UH...
OKAY
THE OLD MAN WITH THE BEARD.
HE'S ALREADY DEAD.
WHAT? WHEN?
A LONG TIME AGO.
OR SO I HEARD.
I GUESS WE'LL FIGURE IT OUT ONCE WE GET TO HYURAY.
WE CAN FIND THE WATER REALM ON OUR OWN.
THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE, NOHIRO.

UNBELIEVABLE.
I CAN'T TELL IF HE HAS HIDDEN SENSES... OR IS JUST DUMB AS A BRICK.
BUT REALLY...
Hmmm.
Hmmm.
Concentrating very hard
WHAT'S GOING ON?
ARE YOU A FAERIE OR AREN'T YOU?
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
What should I do now?
YOU WANT ME TO FOL-LOW YOU?
HUH?
WHAT?
smile

I GUESS YOU DIDN'T READ THIS THING THAT CARE-FULLY.
crumble
crumble
YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT, DID YOU?
ONLY FAERIES CAN ACTUALLY OPEN THE ENTRANCE TO THE WATER REALM.
It says it right in the book.
I knew he'd get like this.
UH... I KNOW..
BUT I THOUGHT IF I AT LEAST MADE IT TO THE WATER REALM, I'D FINALLY BE ABLE TO MEET A FAERIE...!
TAKE IT EASY.
IF ONLY YOU WERE A FAERIE...
huhg
?
gasp
AND THEN WHEN I THOUGHT I FOUND A FAERIE EVEN BEFORE REACHING THE WATER REALM...

WHERE ARE WE GOING?
ARE WE ALMOST THERE?
turn
IS THIS IT?
nod
EVIL.
THERE'S SOMETHING HERE. WHAT IS IT?
WHAT'S THIS?
rustle
rustle
WHAT IS THIS I'M FEELING?
WHAT!!!
A BLACK EGG?
EVIL.
EVIL AND POWERFUL.

YOU'LL HAND THEM OVER IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BE MUTILATED BEYOND THE POINT OF RECOGNI-TION.
OTHER-WISE IT COULD GET UGLY.
AND WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I'M JUST GOING TO HAND THEM OVER?
Aaaahh
!?
WHAT HAP-PENED?
WHAT ?
I'M SORRY. DID YOU THINK I WAS JUST AN ORDINARY HUMAN?
I SUPPOSE WE SHOULD THANK YOU FOR FINDING THE EGG FOR US.
HAND THEM OVER.
I BELIEVE BOTH THE EGG AND THE CHILD BELONG TO US.
IT'S THEM!
gasp
HOW CARELESS. YOU NEVER EVEN NOTICED THAT WE WERE FOLLOWING YOU THIS ENTIRE TIME.
EME-BER YOU WO ROM AST GHT

...!!

YOU WANT ME TO TAKE CARE OF THE EGG?
IS THAT RIGHT?

!?
WHO THE HELL IS HE?
RUNE OF THE DRAGON CLAN!?
NICE TO MEET YOU.

I'LL MAKE SURE THE DEMONS DON'T GET IT.
THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT ME TO DO, RIGHT?
...
OKAY.
IT'S A PRETTY SCARY EGG.
BUT DON'T WORRY, YOU CAN TRUST ME WITH IT.
WE SHOULD GET BACK TO NOHIRO.
HE'S PROBABLY WORRIED ABOUT US.
creak
THAT'S IT!
slam
THERE'S THIS THING CALLED A "LIGHT FLOWER" IN HYURAY. IT HAS THE SAME HEALING POWERS AS A FAERIE. SO, IF YOU HAVE ONE, IT'LL BE JUST LIKE HAVING A FAERIE WITH YOU. THAT MEANS WE DON'T HAVE TO FIND A FAERIE TO GET INTO THE WATER REALM. ISN'T THAT GREAT, RUNE?
blah, blah, blah
HEY, WHAT'S WRONG?
NOW, THE FIRST THING WE NEED TO DO WHEN WE GET TO HYURAY IS TO FIND THAT LIGHT FLOWER!
talk about research
HE DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE WE LEFT.
MAKE SURE THE EGG DOESN'T BREAK, NOHIRO.
Are you sure it's going to be all right?
DON'T WORRY, I PACKED THAT THING EXTRA SPECIAL. IT WON'T BREAK.
It's in my capable hands.
ARE YOU FEELING ILL AT ALL?
NOPE. WHY?

THOSE WERE LORD SHYDEMAN'S ORDERS, AFTER ALL.

WELL, I GUESS I BETTER LET MEDICINEA KNOW.

WHO WOULD'VE GUESSED THAT THERE WAS ANOTHER ENTRANCE.

THOSE CRAZY OLD FAERIES MUST HAVE CREATED IT.

LOOK! I FEEL GREAT.

I CAN'T BELIEVE I EVER THOUGHT HE HAD SPECIAL SENSES.

Don't we take that ship?

Number 2, that's the one.

HYURAY, HERE WE COME!

THE GYOKUJU FLUTE, EH?

WELL, RATHER THAN WASTING MY TIME IN SEARCH OF LOST OBJECTS, I'LL JUST..

NOHIRO HIRUI

THIS IS WHAT NOHIRO WOULD LOOK LIKE IN THE HUMAN WORLD

I THOUGHT HE MIGHT APPEAR IN "ASUKA2 SCHOOL ARC" BUT KAZUMA SHIKI WAS ENOUGH SO HE APPEARS HERE. (LAUGH)

HE WOULD HAVE APPEARED THIS WAY IN 1985 (PROBABLY.)

IT REMINDS ME OF TRAVELING WITH THE OTHER DRAGON KNIGHTS.
THIS IS NICE.
HUH?
IT'S FEELS LIKE...
...I DON'T KNOW.
KINDA LIKE NOW, HUH RUNE?
THEY WERE THE ONES WHO ALWAYS NEEDED TO STOP.
I REMEMBER HOW THE THREE OF US WOULD TRAVEL EVERY-WHERE, STOPPING AT DIFFERENT PLACES ALONG THE WAY TO SHOP.
LIKE A FAMI-LY.
WE HAVE TO CHECK OUT ALL THESE NEAT SHOPS OVER HERE.
DO YOU WANNA GO?
RUNE!
RUNE!
YES NOHIRO ?
WELL LET'S GO. THEN.
DO YOU WANNA COME?
MAYBE I'LL BRING YOU BACK SOME-THING.
YOU SURE? WELL, I'M GONNA GO.
THAT'S OKAY.
I also saw some cool shops back over there. I wonder if they're still open.

I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT'S IN MY PAST.

WHY?

IT'S WEIRD.

I DON'T REMEMBER ANY EVENTS. I ONLY REMEMBER BEING ALONE.

MY PARENTS, MY CHILDHOOD-- IT'S LIKE THEY NEVER EXISTED. MY MEMORY IS A BLANK SLATE.

YOU DON'T NEED TO FEEL SORRY FOR ME.

MY SEARCH FOR FAERIES HAS GIVEN ME PURPOSE.

IT'S SOMETHING I CAN PUT MY HEART INTO.

YOUR FACE IS A DEAD GIVEAWAY.

HUH?

WHAT ?

I CAN TELL YOU'RE A GOOD GUY, RUNE.

GEEZ. NOW I FEEL EVEN MORE GUILTY

TECHNI-- CALLY I'M NOT A FAERIE ANYMORE.

?

SO, IT'S NOT A LIE.

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, YOU REMIND ME OF ONE OF THEM.

I DO?

YEAH.

HIS NAME IS RATH.

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

WHAT'S YOUR STORY, NOHIRO? WHAT ARE YOUR TRAVELING STORIES?

?

WHY DOES MY HEAD HURT?

...RATH...

...RATH...

WOW. I'M KINDA FLATTERED TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT. ♡

SO, IT'S LIKE WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER BEFORE.

...RATH...

IT HURTS.

HUH?

SOMETHING INSIDE MY HEAD.

I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR FAERIES BY MYSELF FOR A LONG TIME NOW.

I DON'T HAVE ANY.

THE NORTHERN CONTINENT
HOURAU
YOU GUYS GONNA BE OKAY HERE?
THERE WON'T BE A SHIP TO TAKE YOU BACK FOR ANOTHER MONTH
WE DON'T SHOVE OFF UNTIL THIS EVENING. IF YOU MAKE IT BACK BY THEN, WE CAN TAKE YOU GUYS HOME TOO.
WE'LL BE FINE. THANKS.
THOSE TWO SURE ARE STRANGE.
NO ONE IN THEIR RIGHT MIND WOULD STAY HERE FOR LONGER THAN A DAY.
PLUS, WHO KNEW IN MY SEARCH FOR A FAERIE, I'D FIND SUCH A GREAT GUY?
SO, IT'S A GOOD THING.
UH, RUNE ...
I JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING.
whisper
WITH THIS GIRL SLEEPING BETWEEN US LIKE THIS...
...DON'T YOU FEEL LIKE WE'RE A MARRIED COUPLE?
And our daughter takes after her mother.
BE QUIET AND GO BACK TO SLEEP!
AND HERE I THOUGHT HE HAD SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO SAY
YES, MONEY
NIGHT

...THE ENTRANCE TO THE WATER REALM, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, SOMEONE WHO CAN PLAY THE FLUTE.
WHILE WE'RE AT IT, WE CAN LOOK FOR THE GYOKUJU FLUTE...
YOU SEEM SO RELAXED ABOUT THIS WHOLE THING.
REALLY? GEE, THANKS.
GUESS WE BETTER START LOOKING FOR THE LIGHT FLOWERS.
SINCE HE'S GONE WE HAVE TO FIND SOMEONE ELSE TO DO IT.
YEAH I TOLD YOU THE FLUTE COULD ONLY BE PLAYED BY THE OLD MAN, THE GUIDE.
WAIT! WHA-? THE GYOKUJU FL-? S-SOMEONE TO PLAY... WHA...?!
HUH?
YOU MUST HAVE MISSED THAT PART WHEN YOU FELL OVER IN YOUR CHAIR.
AND THAT OLD-MAN'S NOT A GUIDE!
YOU DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THAT!
BUT YOU
WE'LL FIGURE IT OUT.

AND WHERE I USED TO LIVE.
IT'S WHERE THE QUEEN WAS IMPRISONED AND WHERE ILLUSER WAS KILLED.
NADIL'S CASTLE IS OVER THAT HILL, NEAR THE LAKE.
THIS PLACE ..
...CAUSES ME ONLY PAIN.
THE MEMORIES OF THIS PLACE HAUNT ME.
I WOULDN'T BE HERE UNLESS I HAD TO.
LOOK.
WOW.
THIS FAERIE FOREST IS STILL INTACT.
I GUESS IT REALLY IS THE BIGGEST AND OLDEST.

THOSE ARE LIGHT FLOWERS?
I NEVER KNEW THAT.
THIS PLACE USED TO THRIVE WITH LIGHT FLOWERS
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME. THE ELDER PASSED AWAY AND THE FAERIES WERE DRIVEN FROM THEIR HOMES.

HOW IS LADY MEDICINEA?
FINE.
EVERYTHING IS GOING AS PLANNED.
Hmph.
DON'T LIE. A REQUEST FROM HERMOSA ARRIVED AT THE DRAGON KINGDOM.
I SUGGEST YOU FIGHT FOR YOUR LIFE.
THAT'S ALL YOU CAN REALLY DO.
TRY TO..
..SERVE OUR PURPOSE A LITTLE.
giggle
...FIVE WHITE PETALS ...
...A PURPLE CENTER. . THE STEMS...
UM ..

RUNE?
THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE!
HUH?
TI-
WAIT!
...
YES!
FOUND ONE!
RUNE! COME QUICK! I FOUND ONE!
!
THERE!
THAT'S A LIGHT FLOWER, RIGHT?
YOU DID ?

AS LONG AS YOU HAD HER,
YOU DIDN'T NEED THE FLOWER OR THE FLUTE.
YOU COULD'VE EASILY FOUND THE WATER REALM.
OR DIDN'T YOU KNOW THAT?
LET HER GO!
RUNE IS...
A DRAGON KNIGHT?
THE LIGHT FLOWER!
N-NOO...
OH!
LET THE GIRL GO!
!?
SO YOU FINALLY KNOW HER TRUE IDENTITY...
...AND HOW IMPORTANT SHE REALLY IS.
WELL, WELL, THE DRAGON KNIGHT OF WATER.

ARE YOU GOING TO TRY TO STOP ME?
NO!
YOU CAN'T HAVE HER!!
IF I HAVE TO...
...I WILL KILL YOU!
NOHIRO!
STAY BACK!
!?
WAIT!
HUH?

N-NOHIRO ?!
I-I'M SORRY.
I CAN'T LET YOU..
..KILL HER.
...TINTLET!
DON'T INTER-FERE!
RUNE!
SHE'S A...!
WAIT!
I HAVE TO SAVE HER.
THAT LITTLE GIRL IS...

THE SPELL IS WEAKENING.

IT'S NOT EASY TO MAINTAIN AN ALTERED SPIRITUAL FORM.

PERHAPS IT IS BECAUSE YOU'RE TOO CLOSE TO YOUR ACTUAL BODY.

WHY DON'T YOU LEAD US TO THE WATER REALM, THEN?

SHOW US WHERE YOUR BODY IS SLEEPING.

AS I WATCHED HIM FALL...

NOHIRO...

CUZ...

SHE'S...

...A FEELING POSSESSED ME.

IT WAS LIKE...

...A FAERE.

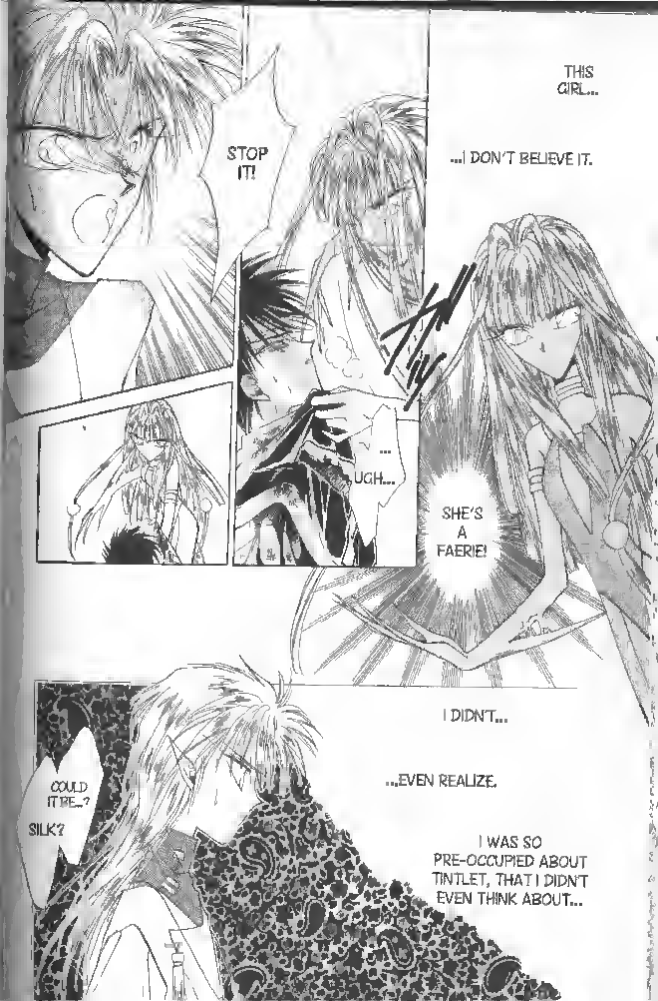
...AND CUT DOWN RATH HIMSELF.

...I HAD TAKEN MY SWORD...

WAIT!
WHAT'LL YOU DO, THEN?
THAT SHOULD MAKE THINGS INTERESTING.
EVEN YOUR PRECIOUS DRAGON KNIGHT WON'T BE SAFE.
HOW CLEVER. YOU WERE GOING TO ESCAPE WITH NADIL'S POWER BY CHANGING INTO A SPIRITUAL FORM. TOO BAD YOUR SPIRIT FORM COULDN'T SPEAK.
I THINK IT'S TIME TO RELEASE NADIL'S POWER, IF THAT'S OKAY WITH YOU.
PLEASE.
JUST DON'T BREAK THE EGG.
AND I'LL UNLOCK THE ENTRANCE TO THE WATER REALM.

WELL, THEN, SHALL I BREAK THIS EGG NOW?
YOU KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN, RIGHT?
THIS EGG WAS CREATED TO SUBDUE VARAWOO'S POWER
WHAT ...
...KIND OF MONSTER WOULD BRING A DEMON...
WHAT A BRAVE FAERIE PRINCESS.
IN OTHER WORDS, LORD NADIL'S POWER.
IT WOULD BE A SHAME IF IT BROKE.

LORD RUNE?
L-LORD...
SILK.
LET NOHIRO GO.
I'LL KILL YOU. RUNE, THE DRAGON KNIGHT OF WATER.
SILK, LISTEN TO ME!
LORD...
...
WHY IS SILK A DEMON?

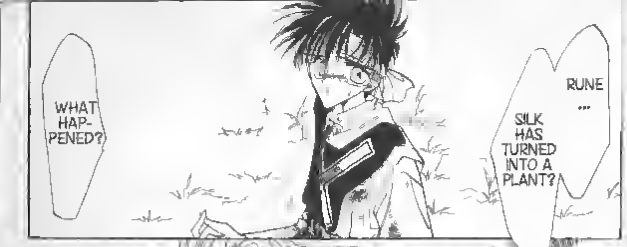

STOP IT!
...
UGH...
THIS GIRL...
...I DON'T BELIEVE IT.
SHE'S A FAERIE!
I DIDN'T...
...EVEN REALIZE.
I WAS SO PRE-OCCUPIED ABOUT TINTLET, THAT I DIDN'T EVEN THINK ABOUT...
COULD IT BE...?
SILK?

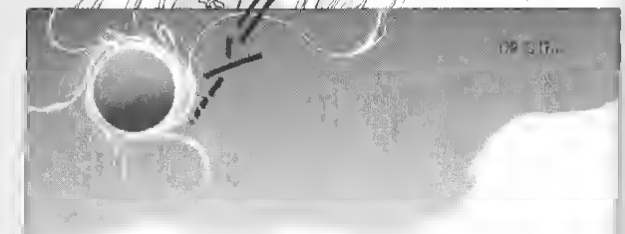
WHAT?
I FINALLY FIND A FAERIE...
...AND IT'S BECOME ... A DEMON!
NOHIRO?
FIGHT IT, SILK!
I'LL KILL YOU!
I'LL KILL YOU, DRAGON KNIGHT!
SILK...
!?

SILK...
NO.
YOU CAN'T DIE. YOU'VE JUST RETURNED TO YOUR FAERIE SELF.
HERE.
TAKE THIS.
NOHIRO...
SNIFF SNIFF
WHAT IS HE DOING? HE'S USING A KIND OF MAGIC.
HE'S SUBDUING THE DEMON ENERGY TRAPPED WITHIN SILK!

LORD RUNE...
...THERE ARE HARDLY ANY OF US FAERIES LEFT.
KHARL HAS BEEN ABDUCTING FAERIES AND TRANSFORMING THEM INTO DEMONS.
THE "ONE-WINGED ANGEL!"
KHARL...
HE REVIVED ME...
...AND MADE ME DEMON.
...
BUT...
IT WAS...
...THE RENKIN WIZARD...
...KHARL...
KHARL...
...THE ALCHEMIST.
IT'S THE...
...GYOKUJU FLUTE.
LISTEN.
THE DEMON'S ATTACKED SUDDENLY AND RELENTLESSLY.
I'VE...
AS THE LIFE WAS DRAINING OUT OF ME...
...HE CAME AND MADE ME DEMON.
I WAS INJURED AND COULDN'T GET AWAY.
...BEEN HIDING IT.

THIS IS MY LAST OPTION.
HERE GOES NOTHING.
I don't even believe in this stuff!
WELCOME.
YOU HAVE COME TO HAVE YOUR FORTUNE TOLD.





...THE POWER OF THE DRAGON EYES?

EVEN THOUGH YOU SAID YOU WERE FROM THE DRAGON CLAN...

...I NEVER BELIEVED YOU. I WAS UNFAIR.

HUH?

RUNE, I NEED TO TELL YOU SOMETHING.

IT'S ABOUT MISTAKING YOU FOR A FAERIE.

SHH!

WAIT A SECOND!

I'M SOR-...

IT'S TRUE THAT I'M ONE OF THE DRAGON CLAN,

BUT I WAS A FAERIE, BEFORE THAT.

HOWEVER RECENTLY, I HAVE REGAINED MY HEALING POWERS..

SO ..

...WE NEVER NEEDED A LIGHT FLOWER.

I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD APOLOGIZE TO YOU.

EVERYTHING IS OKAY, NOW.

YOU'VE GIVEN SILK THE GIFT OF LIFE.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT FORM SHE WILL TAKE, BUT SHE WILL ONE DAY BE REBORN.

NOHIRO...

IS HE BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND HIS POWER?

WHY?

HOW WAS I ABLE TO DO THAT?

HOW DID I...?

I DON'T UNDERSTAND

I SEE.

WELL THEN, I'M GLAD.

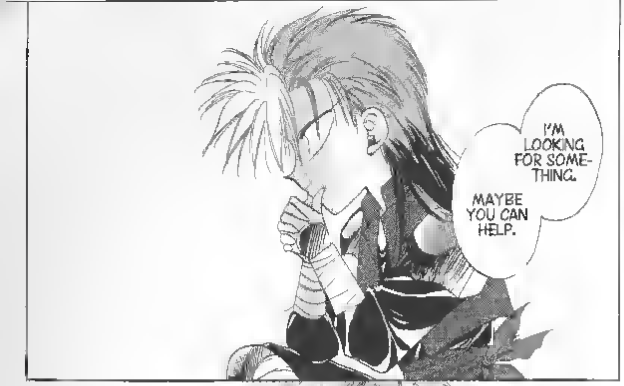
REBORN ...?

RUNE...
...YOU'RE A FAERIE, AFTER ALL.
HALF FAERIE.
THIS IS A FEELING I HAVEN'T HAD FOR A LONG TIME...
...THE FEELING OF BEING HOME.
SORRY.
THERE'S BLOOD ON YOUR CLOTHES, NOW
NOHIRO!
I FOR-GOT!
IT'S ALL OVER THE PLACE.
WHAT?
NO! THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT
BLOOD?

I'M SORRY!
I'VE BEEN LYING TO YOU TO PROTECT MYSELF.
SO, YOU'RE HALF FAERIE?
HUH?
BUT...
NO-HIRO?
WHY?
HMM.
I GUESS SO.

HEY, I'M JUST LIKE THE BIRD, NOW.
I'VE BEEN HEALED BY YOUR TOUCH.
I'M SORRY.
I SHOULDN'T HAVE LIED.

DON'T WORRY. IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT, RUNE.
I'LL BE FINE.
THE BLEEDING SHOULD STOP SOON.
HUH?
HEAL
THERE IS STILL SO MUCH I DON'T UNDERSTAND ABOUT HIM.
HE HAS SUCH STRONG HEALING POWERS...
...BUT HE CAN'T EVEN HEAL HIS OWN WOUNDS.
BUT ...
CAN'T YOU JUST ...?
HUH?


I'M LOOKING FOR SOMETHING.
MAYBE YOU CAN HELP.

THIS CAN'T BE.
MY PURIFICATION RITUAL ISN'T STRONG ENOUGH TO PURGE THE DARKNESS FROM THESE CARDS.
"THE ONE-WINGED ANGEL!"

I READ CARDS.
A CRYSTAL BALL? ASTROLOGY?
SO, WHAT DO YOU USE?

MY CARDS.
I HAVE BEEN BUSY PURIFYING THEM. SO, IT'S BEEN AWHILE SINCE I'VE TOLD A FORTUNE.
INTERESTING.
PURIFIED?

I'VE NEVER BEEN TO A FORTUNE-TELLER BEFORE.
BUT I GUESS THIS SCAM JOB IS ALL PRETTY STANDARD

What's this?
A warning?

WHAT'S WRONG?
YOU CAN SEE THE FUTURE. SO, YOU KNOW IT'S TRUE!
IT'S A SHAME HE'LL ONLY BE ABLE TO USE IT FOR SUCH A SHORT TIME.
THE ONE-WINGED WHAT?
OH, YOU MEAN LORD KHARL.
AFTER HE SLAUGHTERS A FEW MORE OF THOSE FAERIE FOLK...
HE'LL HAVE BOTH HIS WINGS AGAIN.
IS THAT RIGHT?
MISS FAERIE FORTUNE-TELLER?
THAT INCLUDES YOU, OF COURSE.
WHAT A PERFECT NAME FOR HIM!
OH, THAT'S IDEAL!
MY BODY ...!
I CAN'T MOVE.

YOU'VE ALREADY FOUND WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR.
AH, I SEE.
WELL? WHAT IS IT?
THE ONE-WINGED ANGEL.
SOMETHING IS DISTURBING YOU, FORTUNE TELLER.
I GUESS YOU SOOTHSAYERS AREN'T JUST DECEPTIVE CHARLATANS.
THE ONE-WINGED ANGEL?
UM.
IT'S NOTHING.
THEN YOU'RE HIM.
"THE ONE-WINGED ANGEL."
I'M ON A FAERIE HUNT.

!!
NOW, AREN'T WE GETTING A BIT TOO COCKY?
ESPECIALLY FOR A MERE HUMAN.
THE DRAGON KNIGHT THATZ.
YOU'RE BACK, ALREADY?
IT'S HERE.
JUST AS SILK TOLD US IT WOULD BE.
OH YEAH, I CAN SEE THE DOOR.
WILL WE BE ABLE TO GET IN?
SOMEONE STILL NEEDS TO PLAY THE GYOKUJU FLUTE.

IT'S YOUR TURN.
YEP.
GIVE IT A SHOT.
HUH?
ME PLAY?
ARE YOU SURE?
UH... OKAY.
DON'T THINK ABOUT IT. JUST DO IT.
...

SHALL I TRY PLAYING IT FIRST?
?
DON'T WORRY. IT'LL BE FINE.
...
I HAVE A HUNCH ABOUT THIS.
Here
I THOUGHT THAT PERHAPS MY FAERIE SPIRIT WOULD TAP INTO THE MAGIC
DON'T HAVE THE POWER TO PLAY IT.
RUNE.
NOTHING HAP-PENED.
Lack of ling power

BUT HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?
I DON'T BELIEVE IT.
I REALLY DID IT.
THE POWER OF THE GREAT LORD NADIL HAS REVIVED YOU AND GRANTED YOU THE CHANCE TO SEEK YOUR REVENGE ON THE FAERIES THAT IMPRISONED YOU.
RISE AND SERVE LORD NADIL.
THE BLACK SMOKE SHOULD HAVE INVIGORATED YOU SOMEWHAT.
DEMON FISH VARAWOO.
HAVEN'T YOU BEEN SLEEPING LONG ENOUGH?

HUH?
THE ENTRANCE TO THE WATER REALM IS OPENING!!

NADIL'S POWER MUST HAVE BEEN CONTAINED WITHIN THE BLACK EGG.
BUT THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE HERE. SOMETHING FRIGHTENING.
NADIL!
IT'S HOT.
WHY IS IT SO HOT? THIS IS NOT HOW I IMAGINED THE WATER REALM WOULD BE.
IS THIS GUY REALLY THAT OBLIVIOUS?
WHAT IS WRONG WITH ME?
HOWEVER, THERE IS STILL SOMETHING COMFORTING ABOUT THIS WATER.
HOW DARE IT!
HOW DARE IT CONTAMINATE THE WATER REALM LIKE THIS.
IT MUST BE THE POWER OF A FIRE DEMON.
VARAWOO MUST BE GETTING STRONGER.
I DON'T REMEMBER THE WATER REALM BEING SO HOT. I FEEL LIKE I'M SUFFOCATING.
IT'S SO HOT.

I WAS JUST ABOUT TO RELEASE VARAWOO FROM THE WATER REALM.
BUT YOUR TIMING COULDN'T HAVE BEEN BETTER.
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS RUPTURE THE HEALING POWER SEAL OF THIS FAERIE...
WELL, WELL, THE BRAVE DRAGON KNIGHT OF WATER. YOU ARRIVED SOONER THAN I EXPECTED.
ゴォォォォォォ
WHAT THE ...?
VARAWOO!
HE'S BEEN REVIVED!

VARAWOO!
HE'S MOVING!
WHAT?
I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO HOLD OFF ON KILLING THIS FAERIE.
IT'S TOO SOON.
I HAVE TO KEEP VARAWOO SEALED!
WATER DRAGON!
SEAL AWAY THE DEMON FISH VARAWOO!
WHAT PASSION! BUT IT'S TOO LATE.
I WON'T LET YOU RELEASE THAT MON-STER!
...AND THE DEMON FISH WILL BE FREE TO WREAK HAVOC ON THE LAND.
STOP!
YOU CAN'T!

HE BROKE THE DRAGON EYE.
WHAT STRENGTH!
smash
NICE TRY.
BUT THERE'S NO WAY THE DRAGON QUEEN'S GEM CAN COMPARE TO LORD NADIL'S POWER.
NADIL'S POWER!!

!!
!?
THE DRAGON EYE?
VARAWOO HAS LORD NADIL'S POWER NOW.
A PITIFUL GESTURE, DRAGON KNIGHT.

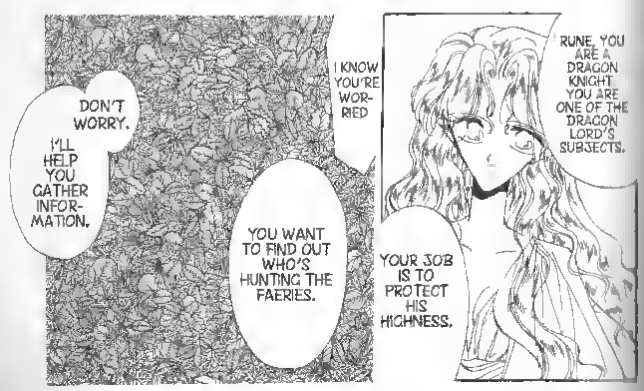
HEALING POWER?!
IT CAN'T BE!
I MUST FOCUS ALL MY HEALING POWER INTO WATER.
ALL YOU NEED IS THE WATER DRAGON.
YOU CAN DO IT.
THERE'S STILL TIME.
DON'T GIVE UP, RUNE.

NOHIRO!
NOHIRO!
WHAT?!
!?
HMPH
IF IT'S A REAL FIGHT HE WANTS...
I CAN BURN YOU TO DEATH IN AN INSTANT.
...
WHA-?
!?
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE.
I WON'T LET YOU KILL ANY-MORE FAERIES

I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT TINTLET'S MIGHT, OR NOHIRO'S HEALING POWERS.
NOHIRO ...
YOU DID IT... AGAIN.
AND YET, YOU DON'T KNOW HOW.
NOHIRO IS PURIFYING THE WATER REALM.
WHAT IS THE MYSTERY BEHIND YOUR FORGOTTEN PAST?

UH —
LORD SHYDEMAN ..
DON'T WORRY.
THIS WAY.
WHAT ?
VARAWOO
..IT WAS THE WATER KNIGHT.

WELL RUNE, GUESS I'M OFF.
MY MEMORY HASN'T COME BACK.
SO NOW I'M GOING TO SEARCH FOR THAT RENKIN WIZARD, KHARL THE ALCHEMIST.
THE PLOT THICKENS
I'LL JOIN YOU IN THE SEARCH FOR THAT ONE-WINGED ANGEL.
MY JOURNEY WILL BE DIFFICULT AND LONELY.
BUT CAN I TAKE ONE OF THESE LITTLE FAERIES WITH ME?
We get along real well


DON'T WORRY.
I'LL HELP YOU GATHER INFORMATION.
I KNOW YOU'RE WORRIED
YOU WANT TO FIND OUT WHO'S HUNTING THE FAERIES.
RUNE, YOU ARE A DRAGON KNIGHT. YOU ARE ONE OF THE DRAGON LORD'S SUBJECTS.
YOUR JOB IS TO PROTECT HIS HIGHNESS.

HE'S A STRANGE ONE.
YEAH

HE'S NOT A FAERIE?
...HE HAS STRONGER HEALING POWER THAN ANY FAERIE I KNOW.
HE DOESN'T HAVE FAERIE BLOOD, AND YET...

I'LL BE OKAY.

I WON'T GET CAUGHT AGAIN.

TINTLET.

YOU GET WORRIED WHEN WE'RE APART.

..DON'T YOU?

AS LONG AS YOU DON'T CHANGE FORMS AND WANDER INTO THE DANGERS OF THE FOREST ALONE...

I WILL WORRY. I ALWAYS WILL WORRY ABOUT YOU.

I WON'T WORRY.

AT LEAST I'LL TRY NOT TO.

DRAGON KNIGHTS

(Demon Fish) The End

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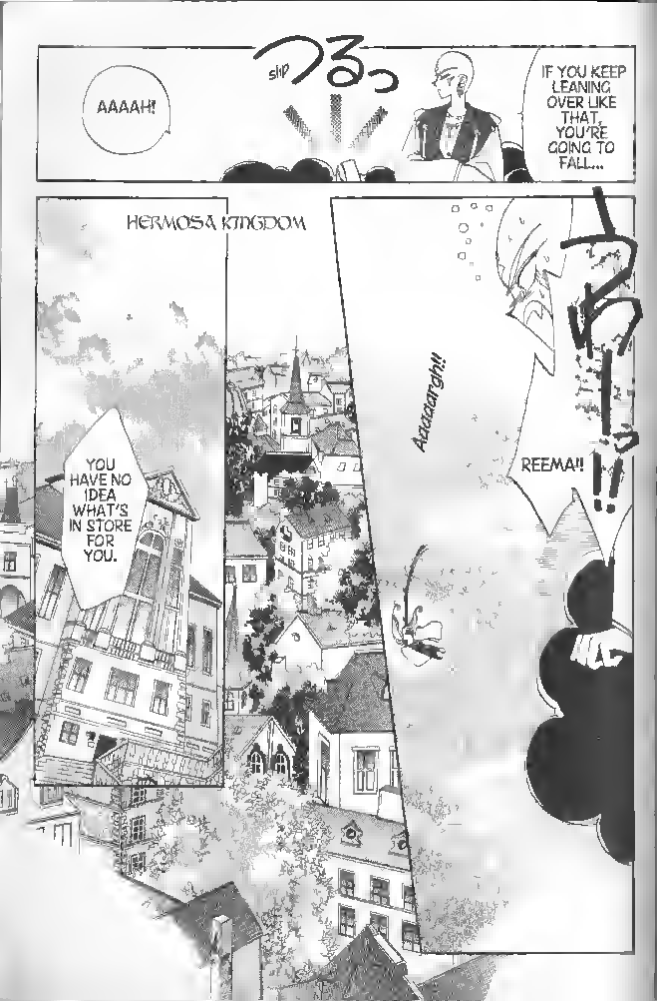
Before Long


AAAAH!
slip
IF YOU KEEP LEANING OVER LIKE THAT, YOU'RE GOING TO FALL...
HERMOSA KINGDOM
YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S IN STORE FOR YOU.
Aaaaargh!
REEMA!!

IT'S BEEN AWHILE SINCE WE'VE BEEN TO DUSIS!
IT USED TO BE ALL ONE DRAGON KINGDOM.
NOW IT'S SPLIT INTO SEVERAL DIFFERENT LANDS.
THERE ARE SO MANY NEW TOWNS. IT LOOKS LIKE FUN.
HEY, LET'S GO DOWN AND PLAY.
STAY FOCUSED.
I ONLY LET YOU OUT, BECAUSE YOU AGREED NOT TO GO DOWN THERE.
WE'RE ONLY OUT FOR SOME AIR.

YOUR HIGH-NESS--
SHH!
DON'T CALL ME THAT HERE.
LET THEM SAY WHATEVER THEY WANT.
THE KING-DOM APPEARS COM-PLETELY NORMAL.
THAT'S WEIRD.
NOTHING SEEMS ODD
DRAGON CLAN, HUH?
THEY SHOW UP AT THE MOST INOP-PORTUNE TIMES.
THOSE ANNOYING PESTS!
BUT THEY'D MAKE A LOVELY SNACK FOR VARAWOO.
I CAN'T EVEN DETECT A TRACE OF THE BLACK SMOKE.

AND AS YOU CAN SEE, HERMOSA DOESN'T NEED YOUR PROTECTION.
DID YOU THINK YOU COULD JUST WALK RIGHT THROUGH THE CITY GATES?
YOU HAVE NO OFFICIAL PAPERS OR PROPER IDENTIFI-CATION
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HEH HEH. YOU HAVE SUCH A WAY WITH WORDS, CAPTAIN.
IF YOU ARE INDEED SUCH A VALIANT PROTECTOR, I'M SURE YOUR OWN KINGDOM IS NOT WITH-OUT STRIFE.
THIS IS THE FIRST I'VE HEARD OF IT.
HOW CAN YOU NOT KNOW ABOUT IT?
WE WERE CALLED FOR SPECIFICALLY BY A SUBJECT OF HERMOSA.
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I DIDN'T KNOW THAT MEDDLING IN THE AFFAIRS OF OTHER LANDS WAS PART OF THE DRAGON CLAN'S CREED.
AS YOU WISH.
WE'LL BE BACK.
SOMETHING'S FISHY HERE.
ALFEEG!
YOU BETTER WATCH IT! DO YOU KNOW WHO HE-
ALFEEG, JUST LET IT GO

YES.
BUT OUR CONTACT WAS ABSOLUTELY CONVINCED THAT HERMOSA WAS ENSHROUDED IN BLACK SMOKE.
HE REPORTED MASS HYSTERIA, PEOPLE DYING.
HE EVEN DIED GETTING US THIS INFORMATION. I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE IT WAS A LIE.
BUT HERE IT IS, AN IDYLLIC PARADISE.
WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON HERE.
YES! THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE! I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS! WE CAME ALL THIS WAY--
Mumble Mumble
HUH?
AND WHY IS IT YOUR HIGHNESS AND I WERE THE ONES WHO HAD TO TREK ALL THE WAY TO HERMOSA?
He's choosing now to complain about this?
YOU DON'T RECALL?
WHEN I ASKED YOU TO COME HERE WITH RUWALK, YOU BECAME ANGRY.
SO, I DECIDED TO GO WITH RUWALK IN YOUR PLACE. AND YOU SAID, "...YOU CAN'T LET THE BIRD FREE..." SO THEN YOU DECIDED YOU'D GO WITH ME INSTEAD.
AAAAAAAAAH!
UGH.
WHAT WAS I THINKING?! RUWALK'S MORE THE DIPLOMAT. HE SHOULD'VE COME.
THAT WOULD'VE BEEN THE LOGICAL CHOICE.
HE'S PROBABLY RUNNING ALL OVER TOWN RIGHT NOW FOR PERSONAL REASONS!
What kind of diplomat is that?!
Like he bars and cashes!
I GUESS YOU COULD CALL IT PERSONAL REASONS...
He's taking all of this very personally
Mumble Mumble
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? I NEED DETAILS.
CAN WE PRETEND YOU DIDN'T HEAR THAT?
YOUR HIGH-
IT'S NOTHING.

THOSE LOOK YUMMY!
EEEEEK!
HEY!
CAN NO ONE SEE HER?
THAT'S ODD.
AAACK!
I WAS ON MY WAY BACK, HONEST.
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
BACK WHERE?
Thought he was someone else
WHOOPS
.....
TEE HEE. I GET TO PLAY A LITTLE...
THAT'S TRUE, BUT...
THERE'S DEFINITELY SOMETHING AMISS HERE.
WE NEED TO START INVESTIGATING.
What do you mean "its nothing"! I wanna know
りんご飴
ひょいひょい
WHO'S THAT?
THAT GIRL?

I SAW YOU.
YOU CAN'T JUST TAKE THINGS FROM SHOPS.
THAT'S STRANGE.
HUH?
YOU CAN SEE ME?
S-SURE.
I CAN SEE YOU.
OH NO!
What the heck is going on?
ALFEEG!?
WHERE'D HE GO?
YOUR HIGHNESS.
THIS GIRL IS...
WHAT GIRL?
There's no girl here.
HUH?
BUT...
SHE WAS HERE A SECOND AGO.
THAT'S ODD.
?
PHEW! THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE.
...YOUR HIGH-NESS...? IF THAT GUY'S THE DRAGON LORD..
...THEN THE OTHER GUY MUST BE ONE OF HIS SUB-JECTS
NO ONE WOULD IMAGINE THE KING OF DUSIS WOULD BE IN A PLACE LIKE THIS AT A TIME LIKE NOW.
I CAN'T MEET THE DRAGON LORD, YET.
I CAME HERE TO PLAY.
PLUS, THERE'S SO MANY DESSERTS TO TRY. OH! AND THAT TOY OVER THERE LOOKS FUN!

I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT.
I'M SORRY M'AM, BUT I CAN'T PUT THIS ON CREDIT FOR YOU. YOU HAVEN'T PAID US FOR ALL THE THINGS YOU BOUGHT LAST WEEK.
I'LL PAY YOU SOON.
UM...
WHERE'D HIS HIGHNESS RUN OFF TO?
BLACK SMOKE, YOU SAY?
I HAVE NO CLUE.
YEAH, YA GOT ME.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.
I OVERHEARD HER COMPLAINING THAT HER DAUGHTER GOT SICK FROM SOME A KIND OF SMOKE.
BUT I'M NOT REALLY TOO SURE.
WAIT A MINUTE. I'M NOT TOO SURE, BUT THAT LADY OVER THERE MAY KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR BLACK SMOKE.
cough
cough

IT WOULD MAKE HER SO HAPPY TO HAVE A VISITOR.
...
IT'S STRANGE.
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S GOING ON.
cough
MY DAUGHTER IS MUCH SICKER THAN I AM.
LEIYA.
I'M HOME.
HIGH--
I better not. It'd attract too much attention.
YOUR...
LYK --
Shoot. That would be too obvious, too.
MAN!
THIS ALWAYS HAP-PENS!
I DON'T KNOW. PER-HAPS THEY DON'T CARE.
BUT WHY ISN'T ANYONE IN TOWN AWARE OF THIS SMOKE?
ONE BY ONE, EVERYBODY WHO WAS CAUGHT IN THE SMOKE GOT SICK. MY DAUGHTER WAS AMONG THEM.
PUFFS OF BLACK SMOKE BEGAN BILLOW-ING FROM WITHIN THE FOREST.
WE'VE LIVED IN THE FIORI FOREST HAPPILY FOR YEARS. THEN ONE DAY...

WHAT'S HE DOING WITH THAT BIG BAG?
IT'S THAT SOLDIER.
I DON'T BELIEVE THIS.
LEIYA?
SHHH. JUST REST.
IS THIS THE ILLNESS OF THE BLACK SMOKE?
IT'S A MIRACLE THAT SHE'S EVEN ALIVE.
MY GOD!

WHAT THE HELL?
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

I WONDER WHAT'S IN IT?
...

!!
URG...
D-DAMN
TAKE THAT!
KONG!
OH, SNAP. I GUESS PLAYTIME IS OVER.
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Aaaaaaahhh!!
WHA-...?
LOOK OUT! BEHIND YOU!
DEMONS!?
WATCH OUT!
THERE'S ONE MORE!

WHAT ?

LISTEN

I'M NOT.

L-LEIYA...

IT'S A LIE.

WHAT?

WHATEVER YOU SAY.

BUT YOU BETTER HURRY.

HUH?

WAAA!

WHO ARE YOU, ANY-WAY?

OH, NO ONE WORTH PAYING MUCH ATTENTION TO.

THEY CAN'T EVEN SEE ME.

I APPRECIATE THE INFO, BUT LET'S SAVE IT FOR A TIME THAT I CAN DIGEST IT PROPERLY! WE HAVE BIGGER FISH TO FRY... SO TO SPEAK.

Dizzy

SHE'S MAKING THIS BLACK SMOKE TO HELP REVIVE THE BIG FISH IN THAT POT.

THESE DEMONS SERVE THE DARK SORCERESS MEDICINEA, A COM-MANDER IN NADIL'S ARMY.

YOU HAVE A GIFT FOR UNDERSTATE-MENT, BUT, YES, I AM OTHERWISE ENGAGED.

Snicker

YOU'RE RIGHT. YOU LOOK BUSY NOW.

YOU MEAN LORD LYKOULEON?
HE'S IN MEDIONEA'S TRAP. YOU BETTER HURRY.
DON'T WORRY ...
...I GOT YOUR BACK.
LORD LYKOULEON!

WHAT DOES SHE MEAN?
'...SHE'S NOT MY MOTHER...?
S, SHE'S...
N-, NOT...
M MY
M MOTHER!

WHAT'S THAT?
?!
AN ILLUSION ?

NOW, THAT'S DRAGON FIGHTER SPIRIT!
LET'S GO!
WELL WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

THAT'S RIGHT.

EVERYONE IN THIS KINGDOM IS ALREADY DEAD.

SO, THE DRAGON LORD IS PROBABLY SAFE.

COME ON. LET'S GO TO THE FIORI FOREST. WE'LL FIND HIM THERE.

ALL THE PEOPLE YOU'VE SEEN WERE ILLUSIONS CREATED BY MEDICINEA.

THE ILLUSIONS ARE GONE NOW.

LORD LYKOU-LEON...

...HER-MOSA WAS...

THAT'S RIGHT.

THEY WERE ALL DEAD.

WELL, EXCEPT FOR ONE GIRL. SHE WAS ALLOWED TO LIVE.

YOU SURE ARE A DUMMY.

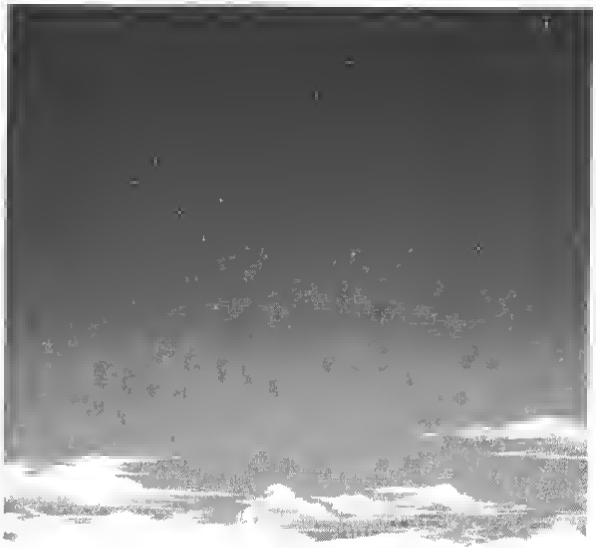
YOU DIDN'T KNOW HE WAS THE DRAGON LORD, DID YOU?

THAT'S JUST PLAIN STUPID.

Snicker Snicker

WAIT A MINUTE!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
WHO ARE YOU, ANYWAY?
WHAT IS IT?
I'M ON MY WAY OUT, BUT I WANT TO TELL YOU SOMETHING BEFORE I GO.
...YOU BETTER GET THE RED DRAGON OFFICER TO CAST A PROTECTION SPELL.
YOU'LL BE IN DANGER IF YOU DON'T.
THE HIDDEN DOOR IN THE DRAGON PALACE...
WHITE DRAGON OFFICER ALFEEQ!
I HOPE TO MEET YOU AGAIN,
THE DOOR ?

You look mad.
YOU'RE LATE, DUMA!
HEH
HE DIDN'T SEE A THING.
YOU ARE TESTING MY PATIENCE.
YOU BETTER NOT HAVE BEEN SEEN BY THE KING OF OUSIS!
WHAT ARE YOU STILL DOING HERE?
REEMA!
HEY YOU!
?
Come here.
POOR GIRL. SHE WAS BEING USED BY MEDICINEA.



Before Long ★
The end.
IT DOESN'T MATTER
What were you thinking?
WHY DID YOU HAVE TO TELL HIM ABOUT THE DOOR?
OH...
...QUIT YOUR WHINING.
It doesn't matter?
TELLING THEM... WON'T CHANGE ANYTHING.

Dragon Knights: Dragon Corps

A DANGER OF GREAT MAGNITUDE IS THREATENING THE STABILITY OF EARTH!!

INTRODUCTION

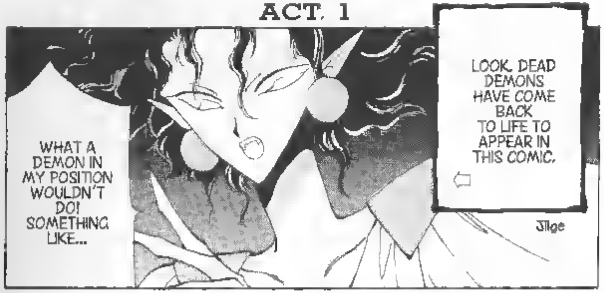
DEMONS FROM THE WORLD KAINALBIA HAVE CAUSED WIDESPREAD PANDEMONIUM!

The General, Ruwalk

MOBILIZE ALL UNITS, NOW!

Huh?
I just wanted to change it up

ACT. 1



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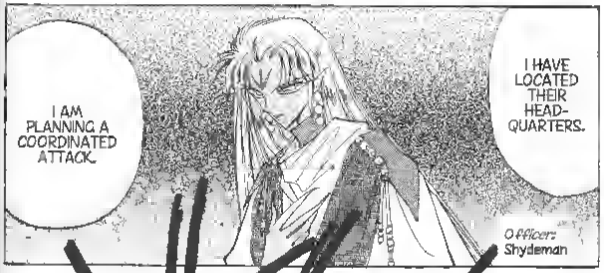
ONCE AGAIN, THIS STORY IS COMPLETELY UNRELATED TO THE MAIN STORY OF "DRAGON KNIGHTS."

ACT. 2

ANOTHER DEAD DEMON APPEARS.

IT SEEMS THOSE DRAGON KNIGHTS ARE CAUSING US TROUBLE.



I HAVE LOCATED THEIR HEAD-QUARTERS.

I AM PLANNING A COORDINATED ATTACK.

Officer: Shydeman

BOOOM!!

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WE BLOW UP DEMONS, NOT OUR OWN HEAD-QUARTERS!

ANYTHING WORTH DOING IS WORTH DOING FULL FORCE! THAT'S MY MOTTO.

TAKE A CHILL PILL, PYRO. THIS ISN'T THE APOCALYPSE.

REMODELING FEES!

OH NO!

ACT. 3

HEY RUNE!

LET ME DO YOUR HAIR! ♫

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WHAT?!

HEY!

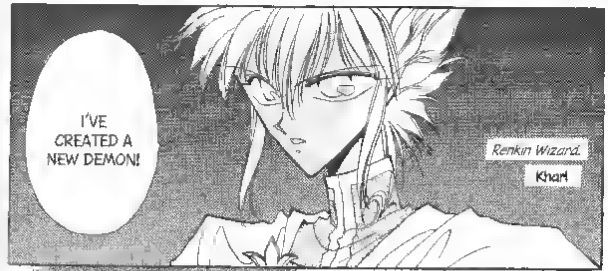
AND EXACTLY WHAT IS THIS SUP-POSED TO ACCOM-PLISH?!

OH, COME ON. ALL HEROINES CHANGE THEIR HAIRSTYLE. IT'S THE CURRENT TREND.

How much is this going to cost me?

I'M NOT A HEROINE!

ACT. 4


I'VE CREATED A NEW DEMON!
Renkin Wizard.
Khan

What the hell is that thing?
I CALL IT...MR. DEATH DIE...! (giggle) THE WHITE MODEL.
What is that thing?

OH, CRAPS. I'LL TAKE EM.
THERE'S A TWO FOR ONE SPECIAL.
IT COMES IN BOTH BLACK AND WHITE.
IT RELEASES A HIGH INTENSITY BEAM THAT WILL TRANSFORM ANY HUMAN INTO A GAMBLING ADDICT!
Dear Readers. Please don't confuse this with the main storyline.
white model
black model

ACT. 5

TURN THE DRAGON KNIGHTS INTO GAMBLING FREAKS!
Shyrendora
GO MR. DEATH DIE! GO!
IT'S YOU!
WHAT?!
OH, HOW I'VE MISSED YOU, MR. DEATH DIE! ♡
HUH ?
MR. DEATH DIE!
MR. DEATH DIE IS TO BE FEARED! THE YELLOW DRAGON KNIGHT IS ITS FIRST VICTIM!
Let's go to the casino Mr. Death Die!
HUH?
I wish he wouldn't talk it with him.
THAT'S AMAZING.
I HAVEN'T EVEN USED ANY OF ITS SPECIAL ATTACKS YET.

Dragon Knights

Preview for Volume 7

The next installment of Dragon Knights returns us to Rath and Cesia's journey to Mt. Mfartha. Once again, Cesia falls victim to a strange spell, driving her and Rath to the Spring of Purification. However, she soon learns that one can be too pure if one indulges too long in the Spring of Purification. And it will take everything the two of them have to combat Nadil's Army, which has caught up with them and now threatens to lure them over to the Demon side. And Cesia also has to deal with a rather tangible and frighteningly deadly alter ego. So, she better get out of the water quick.

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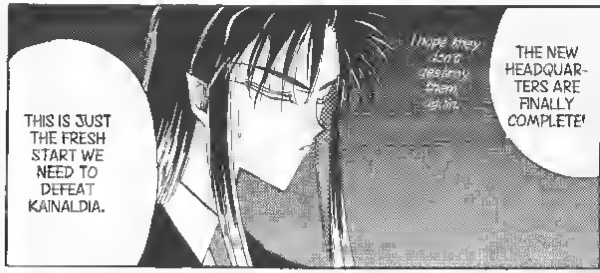

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★ MY LITTLE BROTHER DESIGNED MR. DEATH DIE AND KILLER SHRIMP. (OH, AND KHARL, TOO)

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